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Conf. No. 6793
Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: S.L. Bausch

Re: U.S. Application No. 09/912,968 filed July 25, 2001
Title: A Method for Assessing Transgene Expression and Copy Number
Applicants: Stanton B. DOTSON *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.275

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Response to Office Action mailed February 23, 2006 (with attachments); and
2. Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.275. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature consisting of two parts. The first part is a stylized "T.E." followed by a signature of "Holsten". The second part is a stylized "D.R.M." followed by a signature of "Marsh".

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In reply to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.